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QUARTERLY MEETING
April 28, 2005 – Kodiak, Alaska

Briefing Paper: ***WASHETERIA PROGRAM***
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****ACTION REQUIRED BY COMMISSION****

Issue:

\$5 million has been appropriated from Commission base funding for FY05 to improve basic infrastructure and community facilities, specifically “*for community showers and washeteria in villages with homes with no running water*”, \$4,710,575 is available for allocation.

Background:

In FY04, significant changes were made in this program. Engineering oversight was required as a condition of community awards. Community stability was determined to be a significant factor affecting award decisions. ADA compliance and basic fire suppression requirements (NFPA 13R) were added for both new construction and renovation projects. Cost containment research was done and benchmark unit costs were established.

Analysis:

Experience of the FY02, FY03 and FY04 awarded projects has demonstrated the difficulty of aligning construction-ready projects, especially when multiple infrastructure elements are being funded by different programs and agencies. Independent mobilization has led to escalating costs, significant in new construction.

The Washeteria Program RFP process duplicates some elements of the ANTHC Sanitary Deficiency System (wSDS) prioritization and award process and the similar actions of ADEC VSW Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Based on discussions with ANTHC and VSW, there is an opportunity to collaborate to use program dollars more effectively.

Staff Recommendation:

Utilize the federal wSDS prioritization process¹ and the State CIP² in lieu of a Request for Proposals to identify qualifying FY05 projects.

This strategy will facilitate economies of effort by avoiding duplication of the application process as well as assisting agencies to select projects where there are economies of scale and possibilities for co-mobilization and project sequencing.

¹ FFY06 application deadline is April 1, 2005. Information will be available for project identification by June 1, 2005.

² The FY05 CIP project list is available now. The FY06 application deadline is in early July 2005.

Collaboration and coordination with ANTHC and VSW will resolve previous program challenges of isolated projects, high unit costs, lack of engineering oversight, and dependence on local community accounting and management capabilities. Partner organizations agree to this more active role and support the projected benefits (See Attachment 1).

Action Required:

Pass Resolution No. 05-11, allocating \$4,710,575 for the FY05 Washeteria Program to fund projects identified through the wSDS and CIP processes.

Attachment(s):

Attachment 1



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DRAFT - RESOLUTION NO. 05-11

A RESOLUTION ON WASHETERIA PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FY 2005

WHEREAS the language in the Federal Fiscal Year 2005 Energy and Water Senate Appropriations Committee report language recommends up to \$5 million be provided “*for community showers and washeteria in villages with homes with no running water*”; and

WHEREAS access to clean water and personal hygiene is critical in the pursuit of increased public health; and

WHEREAS the Denali Commission, in partnership with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Village Safe Water, is prepared to identify qualified projects for the design and construction of new facilities and the repair and renovation of existing facilities, subject to compliance with all applicable Denali Commission policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission allocate up to \$4,712,000 to the FY05 Washeteria Program to fund qualified projects identified through the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Sanitary Deficiency System (wSDS) process and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Village Safe Water Capital Improvement Project processes.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Denali Commission is comprised of seven members (or their duly appointed alternate), of whom _____, consisting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this _____ day of _____, _____, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members, and opposed by _____ members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed and dated this _____ day of _____, _____,

Jeffrey B. Staser
Federal Co-Chair

Governor Frank H. Murkowski
State Co-Chair